

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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District 18

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Antietam Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: about 1/2 mile south of Old Forge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Marquette Cement Manufacturing Co.				
STREET AND NUMBER: First American Center				
CITY OR TOWN: Nashville		STATE: Tennessee		37238
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 364/641				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The site of the 18th century Antietam Church is located about 1/2 mile south of Old Forge Road approximately two miles east of Hagerstown. It is situated about 200 yards north of the creek approximately halfway between the stone farmhouse known as "Rock Hall" (WA-I-107) and Trovinger Mill (WA-I-071).</p> <p>There is no exposed evidence of the log church or its adjoining cemetery. The site would have been on the south side of a gentle slope above the creek. A short distance north of the creek is a segment of an old wagon road still in use as a private drive which appears to have run along the creek and may have connected the numerous mills.</p> <p>The site of Antietam Church is now farmland and is included in the property held by the Marquette Cement Manufacturing Company. The tract contains 212.5 acres. No records have been found, however, to indicate that the 1/2 acre church and cemetery site were ever deeded back to the owners of Rock Hall. The church was used until 1787 when the congregation moved to the present location on Beard's Church Road. It is now St. Peter's Lutheran Church, also known as Beard's Church.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Antietam Church site is significant for its contribution to the early religious history of Washington County. The St. Peter's Lutheran Church congregation is one of the oldest in Washington County having been established as early as 1756 and possibly before 1754. In 1786, the Reverend J. G. Young, then pastor of St. John's congregation in Hagerstown stated that in 1756, about 13 families of St. John's Church United, purchased ten acres of land and built a church. In 1785, the congregation consisted of from 50 to 60 families.¹ According to Young, four other congregations (Hagerstown, Funkstown, Manorland and Conococheague) originated from the Antietam Church.

The earliest known record referring to the church is Robert Downing's will, made November 1, 1754 in which he directed that 10 acres of "Downey's Lott" be "laid out for and convenient to the meeting house, provided the people that resort to the said meeting house pay for it."² An early deed (E/442) by Martin Ridenour and John Beard, agents of the Antietam Church, records the sale of the property which had been named "God Save the Church," to William Shanyfield. This deed, dated June 9, 1787, was for 10 acres excepting 1/2 acre for the church and surrounding churchyard. It carried the provision that "the waggon road from Rohrer's Mill to said Shanyfield's House, thru' said 10 acres of land is to be kept open, free and clear, that there may be clear passage to said church and the yard forever." This transaction apparently occurred near the time that the congregation moved to a church at the present site on Beard's Church Road.

¹ Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County, Vol. 2, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., (1906), p. 540.

² Ibid.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Vol. 2, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.5 acre

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		October, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

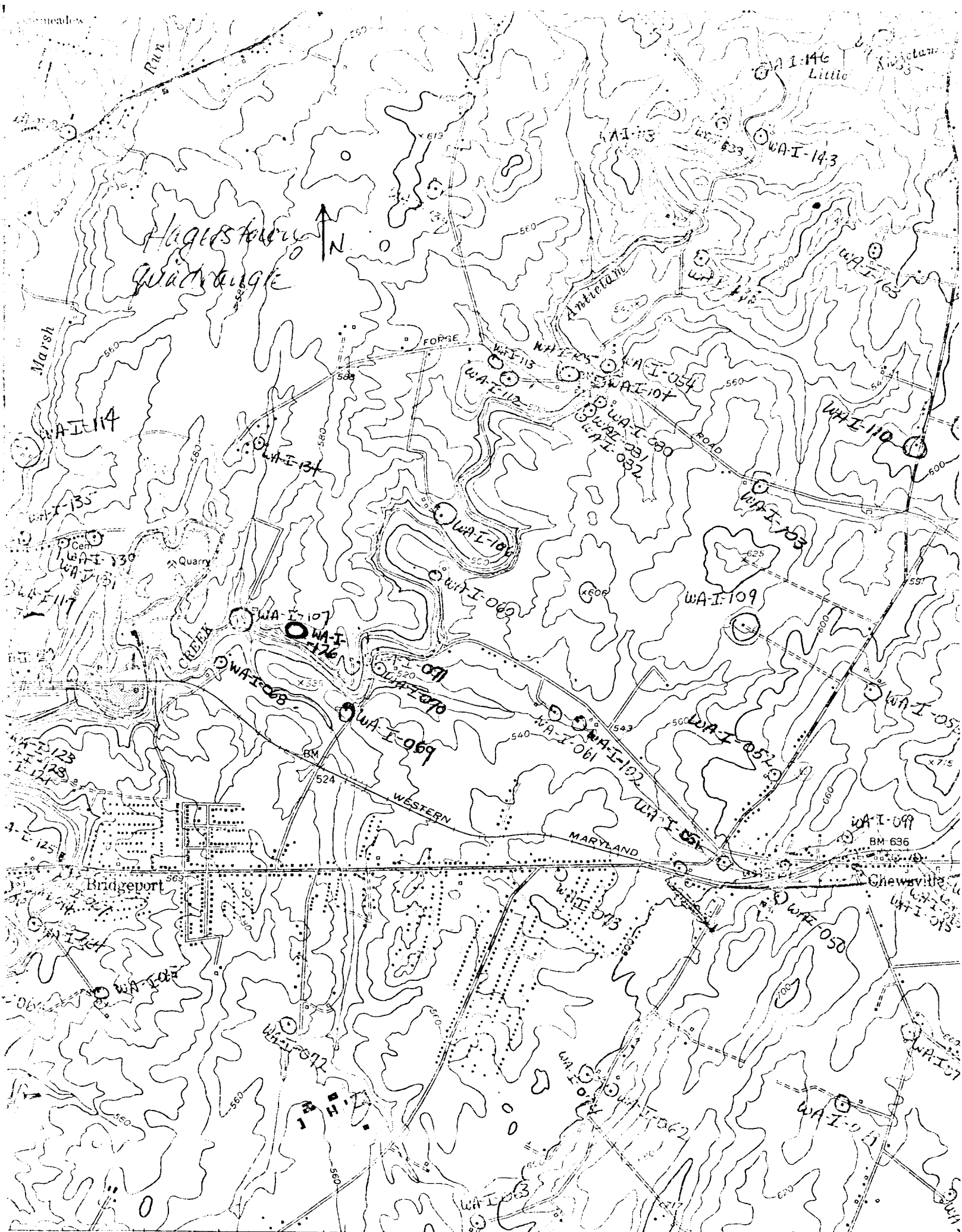
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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Loring Ave

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